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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows, so that the claims currently pending read as follows:

1-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method for connecting to a network, the method comprising:

receiving a network connection request at a system master;

determining availability of at least one embedded device, the embedded device embedded in a vehicle, and at least one portable network access device, based on the network connection request;

determining capability of the at least one embedded device and at least one portable network access device based on their the determined availability; and

initiating a connection to the network using one of the at least one embedded device or at least one portable network access device based on the capability determination.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the system master is the embedded device.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the capability determination is based on factors selected from the group consisting of battery life viability, relative signal strength indication, service availability, type of service and call state

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the battery life viability is based on a power state and a power life.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising:
determining a calibrated threshold for the battery life viability.

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30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising:
determining the battery life viability if the calibrated threshold is exceeded.
31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising:
determining a calibrated threshold for the received signal strength indication.
32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
determining the received signal strength indication if the calibrated threshold is exceeded.
33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the type of service is analog communication, digital communication, satellite communication, and global system for mobile communication.
34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein receiving a network connection request comprises establishing a link between the embedded device and the portable network access device.
35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the embedded device includes a global positioning receiver capable of providing vehicle positioning information.
36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 further comprising retrying the connection initiation if the connection was not established.

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37. (Currently Amended) A computer usable medium including a program for connecting to a network, the medium comprising:

computer readable code for receiving a network connection request at a system master;

computer readable code for determining availability of at least one embedded device, the embedded device embedded in a vehicle, and at least one portable network access device based on the network connection request;

computer readable code for determining capability of the at least one embedded device and at least one portable network access device based on ~~their~~ the determined availability; and

computer readable code for initiating a connection to the network using one of the at least one embedded device or at least one portable network access device based on the capability determination.

38. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 37 wherein the system master is the embedded device.

39. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 37, wherein the capability determination is based on factors selected from the group consisting of battery life viability, relative signal strength indication, service availability, type of service and call state

40. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 38, wherein the battery life viability is based on a power state and a power life.

41. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 38, further comprising:
computer readable code for determining a calibrated threshold for the battery life viability.

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42. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 41, further comprising:
computer readable code for determining the battery life viability if the calibrated threshold is exceeded.
43. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 37, further comprising:
computer readable code for determining a calibrated threshold for the received signal strength indication.
44. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 43, further comprising:
computer readable code for determining the received signal strength indication if the calibrated threshold is exceeded.
45. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 37, wherein the type of service is analog communication, digital communication, satellite communication, and global system for mobile communication.
46. (Currently Amended) A system for connecting to a network, the system comprising:
means for receiving a network connection request at a system master;
means for determining availability of at least one embedded device, the embedded device embedded in a vehicle, and at least one portable network access device based on the network connection request;
means for determining capability of the at least one embedded device and at least one portable network access device based on their the determined availability; and
means for initiating a connection to the network using one of the at least one embedded device or at least one portable network access device based on the capability determination.